## EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1.      An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes

and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be

submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with

Raymond A. DiPerna, Registration No. 44,063 on 02/24/2011.

This application has been amended as follow:

### In Claims

In claim 1 line 27, the phrase "the cross-connecting unit in turn." has been

deleted and the phrase "the cross-connecting module in turn; wherein

for GFP (Generic Framing Procedure) frames from different physical channels,

the encapsulation/de-encapsulation module finds a CID (Channel ID) field in an

extended header of each GFP frame and directly forwards the data GFP frame with the

CID field into a corresponding physical channel." has been replaced therefor.

Claim 4 has been cancelled.

In claim 5 line 40, the phrase "the low-order cross-connecting module in turn."

has been deleted and the phrase "the low-order cross-connecting module in turn;

wherein

for GFP (Generic Framing Procedure) frames from different physical channels,

the low-order encapsulation/de-encapsulation module finds a CID (Channel ID) field in

an extended header of each GFP frame and directly forwards the data GFP frame with

the CID field into a corresponding physical channel." has been replaced therefor.

In claim 6 line 21, the phrase "the cross-connecting module in turn." has been

deleted and the phrase "the cross-connecting module in turn;

for GFP (Generic Framing Procedure) frames from different physical channels,

the high-order encapsulation/de-encapsulation module or low-order encapsulation/de-

capsulation module finds a CID (Channel ID) field in an extended header of each GFP

frame and directly forwards the data GFP frame with the CID field into a corresponding

physical channel." has been replaced therefor.

In claim 6 line 19, the phrase "scheduled packets" has been deleted and the

phrase "the scheduled packets" has been added.

### *Conclusion*

2.     Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to NOURALI MANSOURY whose telephone number is

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4:00PM.

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